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SUBJECT: UNESCO FUNDING: SPRING MEETING OF EXECUTIVE
BOARD

REFS: A. STATE 284172; B. NAIROBI 13208

1. AS MISSION AWARE, OUTCOME OF SPRING MEETING OF
EXECUTIVE BOARD COULD BE VERY IMPORTANT FACTOR IN AFFECT-
ING CONGRESSIONAL ACTIONS ON OUR REQUEST FOR RESUMPTION
OF FULL FUNDING FOR UNESCO.

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2. WHILE CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES HAVE NOT YET JELLED,
OUR CURRENT ESTIMATE, WHICH PERM DEL SHOULD HANDLE STRICT-
LY AS FYI AT THIS POINT, IS THAT CONGRESS VERY UNLIKELY TO
AUTHORIZE AND APPROPRIATE MORE THAN ABOUT \$50 MILLION OF
TOTAL REQUEST (\$69.3 MILLION IN FY 77 SUPPLEMENTAL AND
\$28.1 IN FY 78 REGULAR BUDGET) UNLESS EXECUTIVE BOARD OR
DIRECTOR GENERAL TAKES ACTION WHICH DEMONSTRATES QUITE

VISIBLY FURTHER PROGRESS ALONG LINES ACHIEVED AT NAIROBI, ESPECIALLY ON ISRAELI-RELATED ISSUE.

3. ACTION WHICH WOULD HAVE MOST DRAMATIC EFFECT ON CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES WOULD BE ENDING OF SANCTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL OVER JERUSALEM EXCAVATIONS. SINCE MAZAR

EXCAVATIONS, WHICH GAVE RISE TO SANCTIONS, HAVE IN FACT NOW ENDED, WE ARE ANXIOUS TO CONSIDER WHETHER AND HOW THIS DE FACTO SITUATION CAN BE USED TO BRING ABOUT END TO SANCTIONS. WITH THIS IN MIND, WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING ON URGENT BASIS MISSION'S BEST JUDGMENT ON FOLLOWING: IF IT WERE POSSIBLE TO ASSURE M'BOW THAT ENDING OF SANCTIONS WOULD MEAN CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF FULL \$69.3 MILLION REQUESTED IN FY 77 SUPPLEMENTAL, COULD HE BE INDUCED (SINCE MAZAR EXCAVATIONS HAVE IN FACT CEASED) TO TAKE LEAD IN BRINGING SANCTIONS TO AN END? WHAT STEPS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO GET M'BOW TO TAKE SUCH ACTION? HE COULD, FOR EXAMPLE, SEND LEMAIRE TO JERUSALEM PRIOR TO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AND, ON BASIS LEMAIRE REPORT THAT MAZAR EXCAVATIONS HAVE CEASED, INFORM EXECUTIVE BOARD THAT SANCTIONS CALLED FOR IN 1974 AND 1976 GENERAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS ARE NO LONGER APPROPRIATE AND, THEREFORE, HAVE BEEN ENDED. FYI DEPARTMENT ONLY CONSIDERING VARIOUS POSSIBILITIES AT THIS POINT AND, FOR OBVIOUS REASONS, WOULD NOT WANT EVEN HINT OF THIS POSSIBILITY TO REACH M'BOW, ANY OF HIS ASSOCIATES OR OTHER PERMANENT DELEGATIONS. END FYI.

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4. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE MISSION'S ESTIMATE OF WHETHER AND HOW WE CAN PROMOTE EARLY ACTION BY EXECUTIVE BOARD OR M'BOW TOWARD FURTHER "DEPOLITICIZATION"--SUBJECT WHICH USDEL RAISED IN NAIROBI TOWARD END OF 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE. (REFS. A AND B). PERM DEL WILL RECALL FROM REF B THAT BOTH BOISSIER-PALUN AND KABORE WELCOMED ESSENTIAL IDEA OF FURTHER ACTION TOWARD DEPOLITICIZATION AND TOLD REINHARDT ACTION ON THIS MATTER WOULD BE TAKEN AFTER GENERAL CONFERENCE, IN PARIS.

5. NEEDLESS TO SAY, WE WOULD WELCOME ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS MISSION MAY HAVE FOR STIMULATING ACTIONS BY EXECUTIVE BOARD OR M'BOW WHICH WOULD HAVE BENEFICIAL EFFECT ON ATTITUDES TOWARD FUNDING ISSUE.
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